Miss Ada A. Kingsbury
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(please return to
Mrs. Haines)

American Fork. Utah.
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Mrs. F. E. H. Haines:

Dear Friend.

Your kind favor is at hand. I am glad to feel I am being remembered in my work here.

As you doubtless [illegible] Mrs. Bird has left the [illegible] I have had entire charge of the work, and have been trying to "Hold the Fort" till some one else should be sent. At times the way has seemed very dark, and the work discouraging, but with God's help, I hope to overcome all obstacles. As help seems nearer, hope grows brighter.

The day school is in a pros-
perous condition. I opened
last fall with eleven pupils;
now have an enrollment of
thirty five. This week begins
my spring term. I have twenty
four present, and expect four
or five more. I shall teach till
the first of July, completing
eight months school. As it
was quite late (Nov. 17) when
school opened, I have had but a
week's vacation during Holidays,
therefore feel I ought not, in
justice to my health teach later
than July.— Our S. S. averages
about thirty, and is a pleasant,
interesting one. Two young
ladies assist in the classes.
A number of Mormon families
send to day school, who will
not allow their children to at-
tend S. S.

Every Sabbath night, we have had a Bible readings. I do believe the Lord has led us especially in these meetings which have been exceedingly helpful and interesting. I have felt a special interest in the young men and women here, and felt I could reach them in no other way so well as through these meetings. The attendance has varied from fifty to eighty, mostly grown young men and women. Wed. evenings have been devoted to a singing class, and social entertainment. We sing for an hour, while then I read aloud an hour, while the girls sew, knit, do fancy work, etc. I am reading them "Firebrands," by Mrs. McNair Wright. I should very-

much like to have "Ester Ried", "Julia Ried," "Three People" and others of the "Pansy" series to read aloud. A pure, wholesome, interesting style of literature is almost unknown to these Mormon boys and girls. Nealy every night, after school hours, I am besieged with "please Miss Kingsbury, wont you sing and play for us" and have the pleasure of entertaining many of these little ones, who are not allowed to attend the schools. All the time I can command evenings after school and Saturdays, is devoted to making calls upon the people. I am always kindly and politely received, notwithstanding

the people have been told "not to speak to, or have anything to do with the Presbyterians."
There are so many, many ways to work here, that with willing, persevering hearts; strong bodies, and above all, the earnest desire for God's blessing in the work, great results may and will be accomplished in Utah.
The lesson on "Intemperance", with little talks at other times, has awakened quite an interest in the temperance cause. I felt I had all I could attend to at present, without making special effort in that direction. However, four of my S.S. pupils took a pledge

card, signed it, then "went and told others". Finally, the petitions for the "pledge" became so numerous, I offered it to the school. All but one signed. I then prepared four pledge papers, and gave to two each; of my boys and girls, telling them to secure what names they could. In less than a week over fifty names were on our "Pledge" book, while now, we have seventy-five. Utah boys and girls are working nobly in that direction. I should very much like a package of "Murphy" pledges to distribute with our "blue ribbons". Each Sabbath evening are devoted especially to temperance in our Bible meeting.

Now, there are some things I want, and greatly need to

advance the work at this Mission. I want school furniture, desks, (we have none) maps, globes, books, etc. I have secured some means toward furnishing our Chapel, but not enough. I want $75. additional for that purpose. Then, there is a debt of $75. on the Chapel building, with no provision for its payment. This is a special source of anxiety to me, as I feel it is a stumbling block to the prosperity of the cause. Again, our building is on one of the most public streets, between a carpenter-shop on one side and store on the other. I want our lot fenced, and in a measure, secured to the school. It would cost about $25. Can I have money for these

purposes? I wish, if possible,
to send for the desks, with
Prof. J. M. Coyner, of S. Lake City,
as by so doing, they can be gotten
at greatly reduced rates.
He will order a car of goods
in June.
Now, dear ladies, I want your
earnest, wrestling prayers for
the success of this work, at
American Fork. You cannot
know the utter, absolute lone-
liness and lack of sympathy
here, that causes a mighty
cry to arise for, help, help.

Lovingly Yours.
Ada A. Kingsbury.